



Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Special Activity Board of Directors Minutes

BOARD RETREAT

January 31, 2015

8:00 a.m.

Arizona Department of Education Bldg.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Mark Syms, Michael Gordon, Angela Denning, Elaine Baldrige, Sue Kay Kniefel, William Gibney, Dean Howard, and Lynne Davison

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Marv Lamer, Interim Superintendent and William Koehler, Acting Assistant Superintendent

Introductions & Retreat Outcomes:

Retreat began at approximately 8:10 with Board Members and Executive staff introductions.

Our Culture & Social Components:

Presenters: Michael Peters, ASL Teacher, spoke about Deaf Culture and ASL; William Gibney, Board member, spoke about the challenges he faced after losing his sight; Ms. Carla Zimmerman, Speech-Language Pathologist, spoke about oral language and deaf student LSL (Listening & Spoken Language).

Current Reality:

William Koehler spoke on the structure of the organization, student achievement, and educational outcomes.

Allocations:

Richard Valdivia spoke briefly about the different agency funds.

What Is Our “Shared Purpose:”

Attendees were separated in to groups, given a topic to discuss and then presented their ideas to everyone.

Next Steps:

Dr. Nancy Alexander closed the retreat with a summary. Retreat ended at approximately at 2:00 p.m.

*Minutes approved at the February 12, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting.
Submitted by Leticia Cruz for the ASDB Board of Directors.*